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TWO CENTS.

DEUTSCHLAND REACHES PORT

Reported to Be Slightly
Damaged in Return Voy-
age from Baltimore

CAPT. KOENIG FETED AS NATIONAL HERO

According to One Report Submarine
Bremen Started for America a Week
After Owners Received Word of
Progress of Deutschland.

LONDON, Aug. 24. — Reports of the
return of the German merchant subma-
rine Deutschland from the United
States are corroborated in a telegram
received at Amsterdam from Bremen
and forwarded by Reuter's correspond-
ent.

According to this information the
Deutschland returned by the same route
traversed on her outward trip, passing
through the North Sea.

Another report received from The
Hague by the Exchange Telegraph com-
pany says the submarine was slightly
damaged. According to this later re-
port the submarine Bremen started for
America about a week ago, after her
owners had received word of the pro-
gress being made by the Deutschland
on her homeward trip.

Capt. Koenig of the Deutschland is
being feted as a national hero, the de-
spatch says, and has been summoned to
Emperor William's headquarters to
make a report on the voyage.

The Deutschland, a German super-subma-
rine built for carrying merchandise,
arrived at Baltimore from Bremen on
July 9 with a cargo of dyestuffs and
mail. Her arrival was hailed in Ger-
many as the beginning of a regular sub-
marine merchant service between the
United States and Germany, which would
be able to defy the British blockade. It
was announced that she would be fol-
lowed shortly by the Bremen, a sister
ship.

REFUGEE STEAMER SAILED FROM BOSTON

Willard's Destination Is Supposed to
Be New London—Change to Re-
duce Docking Charges.

BOSTON, August 24.—The North Ger-
man Lloyd liner Willard, which had
been in refuge here since the outbreak
of the European war, shipped out of the
harbor early today, presumably bound
for New London, Conn., for which port
she obtained clearance papers last night.

Officials of the line state the change was
made to reduce docking charges and
had denied any connection between the
Willard's movements and the expected
arrival of the German merchant subma-
rine Bremen. The Willard made the trip
by way of the Cape Cod canal and was
expected to reach her destination about
5 o'clock this afternoon.

The Willard is making the voyage un-
der charter to the Eastern Forwarding
Company, American agents of the com-
pany which is operating the merchant sub-
marine service begun by the Deutschland.
This was the statement today of the agent
at this port of the North German Lloyd
line, owners of the Willard. Virtually
the entire voyage to New London will be
within the three-mile limit, he said, except
for one or two stretches where the dis-
tance from shore would not be too great
to prevent the Willard from reaching
the neutral line without difficulty in the
event that a belligerent war vessel ap-
peared.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Aug. 24.—A
large storage shed has been erected on
the state pier during the past fortnight
for the Eastern Forwarding Company and
is expected to be the place alongside of
which the steamer Willard will be tied
up. Reports had been circulated that
the company had put up the shed to store
the cargo of the Bremen, reported on its
way to this port.

Centre Congregational Church

Friday, Aug. 25, at 7.30 p. m.—Mid-
week meeting of the church. Subject,
The Art of Letting Go. Hebrews 12:1-
1:29. Delegates to the county associa-
tion which will be held early in Septem-
ber in Putney, will be elected.

First Baptist Church

Rev. Paul Hayne of New Brunswick,
N. J., will occupy the pulpit next Sun-
day. Miss Alice Butterfield will sing.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Thursday, Aug. 24, 8 p. m.—Regular
meeting of Canton Palestine, No. 3.

TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

The allied offensive in the Balkans is de-
veloping an added impetus, today's ad-
vices indicate. Paris reports the Serbians
on the aggressive on the mountain edge on
the western front, where they have
stormed and captured a hill three miles to
the northwest of Ostrovo lake.

The Bulgarians took this position in
their initial drive on the allied left flank.
The entente center has been subject to
attacks but the French statement an-
nounces that these have been easily re-
pulsed.

Berlin despatches indicate that Ruma-
nia's attitude is still considered by the
central powers as decidedly uncertain.
Activity in Northern France seems to
have slackened, although the artillery is
still being vigorously employed.

Constantinople reports Russian pressure
in considerable strength in Southern Tur-
kish Armenia, but declares the Russians
failed to advance and suffered heavily in
casualties.

Petrograd announces the capture of two
Turkish regiments in the fighting on this
front.

WITHDRAWAL OF PERSHING IS NEAR

Report That Villa's Prestige Is Gone
Backs Up Gen. Funston's
Recommendation.

WASHINGTON, August 24. — There
were two developments yesterday in
the Mexican situation. Sec. Lansing and
Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador-
designate, tentatively agreed that the
joint commission to discuss border prob-
lems should meet at some place on the
New England coast during the first
week in September.

Brig. Gen. Pershing transmitted a re-
port saying the general opinion was
that "Villa's prestige is gone and that
he can never again become a serious
factor in Mexican affairs."

Supporting, as it does, Gen. Funston's
recent recommendation for the with-
drawal of the expeditionary force in
Mexico, it is believed Gen. Pershing's
report makes it certain that the Ameri-
can commissioners will agree promptly
to the suggestions of their Mexican
colleagues for the early recall of the
troops.

"My last report regarding Villa's at-
tack on Parral is now reported incor-
rect. Villa had only small following. He
avoided Parral and places occupied by
Carranza troops. He was making his
way south into Durango. Probably now
hiding in the mountains."

"Until recently Villa has been hid-
ing, since being driven to the moun-
tains of southern Chihuahua, by our
troops last week. His late attempt to
obtain following reported as almost
total failure. Opinion seems general that
Villa's prestige is gone, and that he can
never again become serious factor in
Mexican affairs."

Army officers here were inclined to re-
gard the report of Villa's loss of pre-
stige as most important, and likely to
have a bearing on the question of with-
drawal of American forces in Mexico.

BULGARIANS CLAIM A GREAT VICTORY

Claim They Forced the Entente Allies to
Flee, Leaving Ground Covered
with Wounded.

BERLIN, August 24, by wireless to
Sayville.—Defeat of the entente forces
along the Struma river on the Macedonian
front in Northern Greece was announced
by the Bulgarian war office in a statement
issued yesterday at Sofia.

The statement says the entente forces
took flight, leaving the ground covered
with dead and that up to the time the
statement was issued the bodies of more
than 400 dead had been counted. Large
quantities of ammunition and supplies
were captured by the Bulgarians.

GERMANS USED GRENADES.

But Their Attack Was Without Result,
French War Office Says.

PARIS, Aug. 24. — After intense
bombardment of the Soyevourt woods
the Germans last night attacked with
grenades the French positions south
of the Somme, but without avail, says
today's war office statement. Positions
near Fleury which had been taken by
the French were violently shelled by
the German guns.

SUSTAINED HEAVY LOSSES.

Germans Failed to Gain Ground Last
Night on Somme Front.

LONDON, Aug. 24. — On the Somme
front the Germans last night launched
a strong attack in an effort to regain
lost ground. The official statement is-
sued here today says the attack was re-
pulsed after a severe struggle in which
the Germans sustained heavy losses.

KILLS SELF ON BOARDWALK.

Watches Fashion Parade, Then Ends
Life—Leaves Note to Wife.

ATLANTIC CITY, August 24.—Thomas
Blakes, 35, while watching the fashion
parade on the board walk last night at
Providence avenue, drew a revolver from
his pocket and killed himself by sending a
bullet into his brain.

A note to his wife at 174 West Olney
avenue, Philadelphia, asked forgiveness
and assigned ill health and lack of em-
ployment as the reason for ending his life.

STILL WORKING FOR SETTLEMENT

Administration Officials Are
Hopeful of Averting
Railroad Strike

MANY CONFERENCES HELD IN WASHINGTON

Chairman of the Santa Fe System At-
tacking President Wilson and Char-
acterizing the Plan Which He Pre-
sented as Preposterous.

WASHINGTON, August 24.—Commis-
sioner Chalmers of the federal board of
mediation held an early morning confer-
ence with President Wilson and then met
the representatives of the railroad em-
ployees. It was reported that he carried
some proposals made to President Wilson
by a sub-committee of the railroad execu-
tives last night.

Administration officials expected a final
answer from the railroad executive today
or tomorrow.

President Wilson made no engagement
in anticipation of receiving the executives.
While no definite information was forth-
coming administration officials expressed
optimism over the outlook.

The executives had a meeting to hear
the sub-committee's report of the confer-
ence last night with the President.

The men also had a meeting.

Walter D. Hines, chairman of the execu-
tive committee of the Santa Fe, issued a
statement today attacking President Wil-
son's plan and characterizing it as prepos-
terous. He declared the President appar-
ently had made up his mind without
a hearing "as to the concessions he will
force the employees to give to bite off
the labor from its illegal course."

Reports that a settlement was in sight
became current when after a conference
with representatives of the employees and
employers, Commissioner Chalmers of the
federal mediation board discussed the
strike situation with President Wilson
and made arrangements for a group of
railroad presidents to see Mr. Wilson im-
mediately.

Hale Holden of the Burlington, Daniel
Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio, and R.
S. Lovett of the Union Pacific, the sub-
committee which has been dealing with
the President the last two days, arrived
at the White House shortly before 1
o'clock. After a brief conference it was
said the outlook was "more hopeful if any-
thing."

The President sent for the executives to
acquaint them with the progress being
made by him in dealing with the prob-
lems suggested at the previous confer-
ences.

B. & M. READY FOR A RECEIVERSHIP

Files a Statement Showing the Net In-
come of \$1,749,695 for the
Fiscal Year.

BOSTON, August 24.—The Boston &
Maine railroad, which yesterday assented
to the creditors' petition for a receivership
with the statement that it was unable to
meet its obligations, today filed with the
public service commission a report for
the quarter year ending June 30, showing
a net income of \$1,749,695. This amount
compares with \$410,234 for the correspond-
ing period last year and a deficit of
\$257,208 in 1914.

DROWNED IN MILL POND.

Companions of Lowell Dawson of Wall-
ingford Unable to Swim.

WALLINGFORD, August 24.—Lowell
C. Dawson, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs.
George Dawson of this town, was
drowned in the mill pond near the
American Fork & Hoe company's works
yesterday in attempting to swim on his
back to the island about 10 rods dis-
tant.

He was evidently taken with cramps
and called to his companions for help.
They were unable to swim, but ran for
assistance. Help arrived within a few
moments, but an hour and a half elapsed
before the body was recovered.

FOURTEEN NEW CASES.

But Infantile Paralysis Epidemic Not
Alarming in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Aug. 24. — The spread of
infantile paralysis in the state con-
tinued, according to reports received by
the department of health today, but of-
ficials reiterated their statements that
conditions were not alarming. Four-
teen new cases were reported within
past 24 hours, making a total of 183
this month.

Like attracts like; an empty purse
usually goes with an empty stomach.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WEDDING TODAY

Miss Winifred A. Prigg Becomes Wife
of Gerhard Tonseth—Will Go on
Camping Expedition.

The marriage of Winifred A. Prigg,
daughter of the late James H. Prigg of
Bristol, England, and Mrs. J. Prigg of
20 Prospect street, Brattleboro, and
Gerhard Tonseth, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Gerhard Tonseth of Arundel, Norway,
took place in St. Michael's Episcopal
church this morning at 11.30 o'clock.
The ceremony was performed by Rev.
Nelson Kellogg, rector, and a double
ring service was used. The bride, who
was becomingly attired in white silk,
with a lace veil, carried a beautiful
bouquet of roses and was attended by
her niece, Kathleen Sercombe, also in
white silk dress and hat. Ronald Ser-
combe, nephew of the bride, was the
second attendant. Christian Anderson,
of Boston acted as best man, and
George Sercombe, brother-in-law of the
bride, giving her in marriage.

The church was prettily decorated
by the Lamowaysee Camp Fire girls,
of which organization the bride has
been an ardent member and secretary
since its inception. Miss Grace A. Pike
presided at the organ.

After the ceremony an informal re-
ception was held at 20 Prospect street,
and at 2 o'clock the happy couple left
for Lake Dunmore, where they purpose
to spend a part of their honeymoon trip
on a camping and fishing expedition.

Mrs. Tonseth has been contraalto sing-
er in the Episcopal church choir up-
wards of four years and has been a
proof reader at E. L. Hildreth & Co.'s
plant over three years. Mr. Tonseth is
with the White River Chair Co., where
he has had a position over five years.
Mr. and Mrs. Tonseth will keep house
on Blakeslee street when they return
from their wedding trip.

LEAVES CASH BAIL WITH DAY OFFICER

East Northfield Summer Resident
Opened Muffler on Main Street Hill
—Nailed by Policeman Wood.

E. A. Fairbanks, a summer resident of
East Northfield, Mass., boiled up Main
street hill this noon in an automobile
which had its muffler open. At the sum-
mit Officer Charles Wood motioned him
to one side and informed him that he
might leave \$5.45 as cash bail for his ap-
pearance in municipal court tomorrow
morning. Mr. Fairbanks did so.

HOW WAR HIT BUSINESS.

Greatest Boom Since April in U. S. His-
tory, Official Report.

WASHINGTON, August 24.—How the
war has affected the world's business is
detailed in a statement compiled by the
department of commerce for Chairman
Simmons of the senate finance committee.
The following general conclusions are given:

"In every country, including the United
States, there was a decided decline in
business activity after July, 1914. The pe-
riod of business depression lasted from
four to six months in most of the neutral
countries."

"There was a slight depression in busi-
ness activity in the United States in the
latter part of 1913 and early in 1914, but
in the spring and summer of 1914 there
were signs of recovery. The outbreak of
the war, however, caused a decided de-
cline."

"The United States at the close of the
period, April, 1916, had entered upon a pe-
riod of business activity which has had no
parallel in the history of the country."

FLEW SWEDISH FLAG.

Russians, Sailing Under False Colors,
Captured German Ship.

BERLIN, Aug. 24, by wireless to
Sayville.—The capture of the German
steamship Desterro with a cargo of
iron ore was made by a Russian subma-
rine flying the Swedish flag, says the
Over Seas news agency. Despatches
from Stockholm say the Desterro was
in Swedish waters. "This flagrant
violation of Swedish neutrality," the
news agency says, "has produced ex-
citement in Sweden and embittered
the feeling of the people."

OFFICIALS ENCOURAGED.

Decrease in Deaths and Number of New
Cases of Paralysis.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. — Health de-
partment officials were encouraged by
today's reports on the infantile paral-
ysis epidemic, which showed a sub-
stantial decrease. During the 24 hours
ending at 10 a. m. 30 children died and
169 were stricken. Yesterday there
were 42 deaths. The scourge now has
killed 1,762 children.

WON'T SELL ISLANDS.

Danish Lanthing Against Transfer to
the United States.

LONDON, Aug. 24. — The Danish
Lanthing has rejected the proposal to
sell the Danish West Indies to the United
States, says a Reuter's despatch from
Copenhagen.

ANOTHER AIRSHIP RAID.

Bombs Dropped in the Fields in East-
ern England Did No Damage.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The east coast
of England was visited again last night
by a hostile airship which dropped
bombs in the fields, but did no damage,
an official statement says.

SERIOUS DAMAGE BY HEAVY STORM

Another Generator Burned
Out at Power Plant
in Vernon

LOSS IS SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS

J. T. Wright's Tobacco Field in Vernon
Riddled by Hailstones — Most Se-
vere Storm in That Town in Years—
Highways Are Washed.

In the thunder storm yesterday af-
ternoon a bolt of lightning burned out
another generator in the Connecticut
River Power Co.'s plant in Vernon, the
second in 16 days. The damage will be
several thousand dollars. A gener-
ator was burned out in the storm of
Aug. 8, causing similar damage. There
are six generators left at that station.
Other stations owned by the company
will take care of whatever part of the
load is necessary until the repairs can
be made. It will require a month more
to complete repairs on the generator
burned out Aug. 8 and about six weeks
to rebuild the one damaged yesterday.
Ordinarily the lightning arresters di-
minish the current enough to prevent
serious damage, but the last two storms
were of excessive severity.

The storm yesterday was much more
severe in Vernon than in Brattleboro,
in fact it was one of the hardest in
years in that town. Aside from the
damage at the power plant the heav-
iest loss was sustained at John T.
Wright's tobacco field. Large hail-
stones riddled his three-acre field. He
carried \$600 insurance on the tobacco
through H. E. Taylor & Son's agency
in this town, and the loss will be to-
tal. Others in Vernon sustained small
losses. The roads in South Vernon
were washed in several places.

The New England Telephone com-
pany's lines were again put out of
commission north of the Dunklee farm
in South Vernon. The trunk lines
were laid flat near the Dunklee place
and a force of men, including Wire
Chief H. C. Shaw, worked there until
nearly morning. An immense tree about
a mile this side of South Vernon was
struck by lightning and took fire so
that the flames shot up through the ad-
jacent trees. As the Bremen fair-
proached it they supposed it to be a
corner of a building burning. It was
still burning at 2 o'clock this morning
and men who went there after daylight
said that it had burned flat.

The correspondent of this paper in
Hinsdale writes:

This town was visited by a suc-
cession of severe thunder showers Wednes-
day from about 2.30 in the afternoon
until 8 in the evening and the light-
ning was the most alarming of the
summer, although so far as known at
this writing did no damage except to
burn out several electric wire connec-
tions. The rainfall was exceedingly
heavy and reached cloud burst ap-
pearance about 6.30 o'clock, and the
gutters and sewers were totally unable to
carry off the flood of water. The high-
ways in the village, particularly on the
hill, were badly damaged, the worst
washed occurring near F. O. Pack-
ard's and on Church hill, where the
going was made impassable for vehi-
cles. Sidewalks and lawns in many
places were covered with gravel and
stones and Main street at one time re-
sembled a river.

PETITION FOR DUNHAM FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Name Will Be Presented by His Friends
—No Petition Has Yet Been
Filed with Town Clerk.

The friends of George L. Dunham
will present his name as a candidate
for the Republican nomination for
town representative. A petition in
his behalf is being circulated. Under
the primary elections law petitions for
the printing of candidates on the of-
ficial ballots must be filed with the
town clerk by Aug. 29 in order to have
the names printed. Up to the present
time no petition has been filed with
Town Clerk Hopkins.

FOUR YEARS FOR LIEBKNECHT.

His Appeal Against Sentence for Treason
Worked Wrong Way.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Aug. 24.—
The result of Dr. Karl Liebknecht's
appeal against his sentence for treason
has been the imposition of a new
and severe sentence of four years
and one month penal servitude and ex-
pulsion from the army, according to a
despatch from Berlin.

The appeal of the socialist leader was
heard on Wednesday before a supreme
court martial, presided over by a naval
captain. The public was excluded at
the hearing, but sentence was an-
nounced at the open session.

VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE ROCKS CALIFORNIA

Described as the Most Severe Shock
Since the San Francisco Disaster
in 1906.

EUREKA, Cal., August 24.—The most
violent earthquake felt here since April,
1906, when San Francisco was destroyed,
rocked the city and northern Humboldt
county at 6.55 o'clock yesterday morning.
There was no material damage.

There were two shocks, each lasting sev-
eral seconds. Reports of shocks came
from Arcata and other points north of
here, but apparently they were slight in
the southern part of the county, which is
traversed by the 1906 fault line, which
dips into the ocean near the mouth of the
Bear river.

UNVEIL JOHN BROWN TABLET.

Ceremonies Held at Abolitionist's
Grave, North Elba, N. Y.

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Aug. 24. — A
memorial tablet to John Brown, the
American abolitionist, was unveiled
with appropriate ceremonies yesterday
at his grave near the village of North
Elba, N. Y. Addresses were made by
Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador
to France, Rear Admiral Frank P.
Fletcher, U. S. N., Rabbi Stephen S.
Wise of New York city, H. G. Warmuth,
former governor of Louisiana, Frank B.
Sanborn of Concord, Mass., Kelly Mil-
ler, dean of Howard university, and
John E. Mulholland.

BEEES CLEAR CHICAGO STREET.

Financial District Crowd Runs to Cov-
er When They Get Loose.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Ten thousand
bees, liberated in La Salle street, Chi-
cago's financial district, yesterday
stung a score of people and sent
brokers, clerks and messengers hurrying
to cover.

The bees were carried in a cage. A
boy bumped into a man holding them,
causing him to stumble and smash the
cage. The usually crowded street was
instantly deserted for a block.

WILL BE DECORATED.

Kaiser Will Honor Crew of the Subma-
rine Deutschland.

AMSTERDAM, August 24, via Lon-
don.—According to a despatch received
today from Berlin Emperor William has
expressed the intention of bestowing
decorations on the members of the
Deutschland's crew personally.

THE WEATHER.

Generally Fair Tonight — Probably
Showers Tomorrow in Vermont.

WASHINGTON, August 24. — The
weather forecast: Generally fair to-
night. Warmer in the interior. Friday
partly cloudy. Probably showers in
Vermont. Light variable winds be-
coming southwest.

WEST DUMMERSTON.

Miss Marion Gregory is visiting in
New Jersey.

Mrs. J. F. Houghton has returned
from a visit with her son, Don Hough-
ton, and family in Norwich, Conn.

Edgar Gregory of Omaha, Neb, came
Monday to spend a three weeks' vaca-
tion with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.
F. Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt T. Spaulding re-
turned Wednesday from South Vernon
where they spent a week with their
daughter, Mrs. Jay Johnson.

Charles Loughton, Harry Brown,
Clarence Reed, Weymouth Halladay
and John Walker went to New Lon-
don, Conn., Thursday on the excursion.

TOWNSHEND.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Watson are re-
joicing in the news of their first grand-
son, Raymond Henry, born to their
daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs.
Hector H. Filion of Brattleboro, on
Monday, Aug. 21.

The list of premiums offered to ex-
hibitors at the West River Grange fair,
to be held during the first week of Oc-
tober, has been announced. Competition
for the various prizes is open to all
whether members of the Granges or
not. There will be no entry or ad-
mission fee except to the entertain-
ment which will be presented at the
town hall during the evening. The
children especially are urged to
keep the fair in mind during the next
month and prepare as large a number
of exhibits as possible.

WEST GUILFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Jolson of Whit-
ingham visited Mrs. Jolson's sister, Mrs.
Mowry Lynde, Sunday.

Allan King of Boston, who had been
boarding at Mowry Lynde's the past five
weeks, returned to his home Saturday.

GUILFORD CENTER.

The River picnic will be held Satur-
day, Aug. 26, at the mouth of Broad
brook.

LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION

Bills Appropriating Sum of
\$126,000 Introduced
This Morning

PAY FOR SOLDIERS, AID FOR FAMILIES

In Message to Law Makers Governor
Gates Says Troops May be Kept on
the Border Several Months — Ad-
jourment Likely Tonight.

MONTPELIER, August 24.

The legislature met in special session at
the capital this morning, the house con-
vening at 10.22 and the senate at 10.15.
At 11.15 the law makers met in joint ses-
sion to hear the message of Governor
Gates, who stated that as nearly as he
could find out the Vermont troops were
likely to be kept on the border for several
months and for that reason he had called
the session to provide for state pay for